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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The last few months at the NSLM have been particularly exciting with the memorable Anniversary Gala on June 2, and the opening of *A Decade Afield: 10 Years of the NSLM's Museum!*

The exhibition is a wonderful retrospective highlighting those who have been instrumental to the organization and the growth of the Museum's collections thus far. At the Gala, Board of Directors Chair Manuel H. Johnson announced the official launch of the NSLM's Capital Campaign, which focuses on the long-term sustainability of the organization. Through the hard work and support of our dedicated Board of Directors and the Capital Campaign Committee, we have raised \$13.1 million of our \$14 million goal. Director of Development Reid O'Connor discusses the purpose of the Campaign and different ways to contribute later in this issue. The Gala was a great success, and we are honored and grateful to have had Jacqueline B. Mars and Jack S. "Jay" Griswold at the helm of the event as Co-Chairs of the Honorary Gala Committee. Thank you to everyone who attended, our spectacular Committee, and all who made the evening possible.

We now turn our attention to our Polo Classic presented by MARS EQUESTRIAN™ on Sunday, September 11 at Great Meadow. The Polo Classic is the NSLM's sole fundraising event each year. Tickets are selling quickly, so make sure to reserve yours soon.

Planning for our fall exhibition is underway. *Identity & Restraint: The Art of the Dog Collar*, in partnership with the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the AKC's Museum of the Dog (MoD), promises to be an exhibit unlike any we have had. Alongside selections from the NSLM's vast dog collar collection, the largest publicly held collection of its kind in the world, will be fine art from the collections of the AKC and MoD.

This issue also welcomes two new members to our Board, Michael R. Crane and Robert P. Irwin, both of whom are looking forward to making an impact at the NSLM. Additionally, we had the opportunity to highlight another much-admired Board member, Mrs. Frances Massey Dulaney, and speak with her about her transformational \$3.5 million estate gift to the Capital Campaign.

Be sure to check the back of the newsletter, for our quickly filling up fall and winter events calendar. If you have yet to have the opportunity to see *A Decade Afield*, we invite you to please do so before the exhibition closes on September 18. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we hope to see you at the Library and Museum soon.

Thank you, as always, for your support which makes our work possible.

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Celebrating *A Decade Afield*



The National Sporting Library & Museum was thrilled to host a spectacular Gala on June 2 with over 350 attendees to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the NSLM's Museum and the public launch of the Capital Campaign. The Honorary Gala Committee was co-chaired by Jacqueline B. Mars, Vice Chair of the NSLM Board of Directors, and Jack S. "Jay" Griswold.

Guests were treated to an evening of dinner and dancing accompanied by performances by the New York-based Bob Hardwick Sound. A surprise caviar bar flanked by dramatic ice sculptures generously provided by Lugano Diamonds welcomed guests alongside a rose-blanketed sculpture of Paul Mellon's 1993 Kentucky Derby winner, *Sea Hero* (by Tessa Pullan, 1995). The anniversary exhibition, *A Decade Afield: Celebrating 10 Years of the NSLM's Museum*, was open for an exclusive preview before

its official opening the next day, showcasing the enormous growth of the Museum's collections over the past decade through 10 thematic sections of 12 galleries.

A highlight of the evening was a proclamation from the State of Maryland in recognition of Jacqueline B. Mars's contributions to the state's horse industry presented by Jack S. "Jay" Griswold; Secretary of Commerce



R. Michael Gill; Chairman, MD Stadium Authority Thomas E. Kelso; and Chairman, President, and CEO of McCormick & Company and NSLM Board Member Lawrence E. Kurzius. Jay Griswold, presented a gift of \$100,000 to the NSLM's Capital Campaign in her honor from a group of individuals involved with the Maryland Horse Industry.

All gala attendees were entered into a \$25,000 raffle experience generously donated by Jacqueline B. Mars, and the winner will enjoy an all-expense-paid VIP experience at the 2023 Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event CCI5*-L presented by MARS Equestrian™.

The NSLM's Gala also served as the official public launch of the Capital Campaign. The generous support of donors, as well as 100% participation by the Board of Directors, has allowed the NSLM to raise over \$13 million towards its \$14 million goal. Chair of the NSLM Board Manuel H. Johnson, shared, "We are excited about the enormous enthusiasm and support we have experienced so far with our Capital Campaign and are hoping to blow through the \$14 million goal." Continued support from the community is needed to fulfill the goal and ensure the longevity of this institution, preserving sporting life and culture as well as advocating for the conservation of open space and waterways for generations to come. ♡





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2022 NSLM Polo Classic



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September 11, 2022
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The Plains, Virginia
Tickets on sale now!

The National Sporting Library & Museum's 2022 Polo Classic Presented by MARS EQUESTRIAN™ will be held Sunday, September 11, at Great Meadow in The Plains, VA. The event Committee is co-chaired by NSLM Vice Chair Jacqueline B. Mars and Juliana E. May. Also serving on the Committee are Anjela Carroll, Gertraud Hechl, Cristina Hug, Amy Kelly, and Bundles Murdock.

The event will feature all the favorite Polo Classic traditions, including the Dog Divot Stomp sponsored by NUTRO™ with champagne by Bouvet Ladubay, the pre-match opening ceremony highlighting Official Luxury Car Sponsor Pohanka Automotive, and the parade of the hounds, this year by the Middleburg Hunt. Tickets are available for three areas of the event: Pavilion Tent, Tailgate, and General Admission. General Admission car passes will also be available for purchase at the gate the day of the event. The Silent Auction will return again this year, with the opportunity to purchase exciting and unique sporting experiences related to the different pillars of the NSLM's mission. Bidding will be available in-person for attendees and online.

The artwork for this year's Official Poster (sponsored by McCormick & Co.) was selected from juried submissions by members of the American Academy of Equine Art (AAEA), marking the second year of this new tradition and partnership. This year's official painting is *Covering Ground* (2021) by Virginia-based artist Linda Volrath. It depicts Daymar Rosser on the field in last year's Polo Classic. The work will be sold as part of the Silent Auction with all proceeds benefiting the NSLM.

The morning Founders' Cup Match will feature the TTR | Sotheby's International Realty team against the National Sporting Library & Museum team, sponsored by NSLM Board Member Donald G. Calder and his wife Ann. The afternoon's Mars Cup Match will see the return of NetJets versus Holman Hall, sponsored by NSLM Board Chair Manuel H. Johnson and his wife Mary. The Rosser brothers, Kareem and Daymar, advocates for the Work to Ride foundation in Philadelphia, will be featured players in the main match. This year's teams are being organized by John Gobin and Whitney Ross Grey of Twilight Polo.



As the NSLM's sole fundraising event each year, proceeds from the Polo Classic help the organization fulfill its mission by funding dynamic exhibitions, programs, and community events throughout the year. **Tickets are selling quickly, and there is limited availability for both the Pavilion and Tailgate areas, so be sure to reserve your space soon.** We look forward to seeing you at Great Meadow in September!

For questions regarding the Polo Classic or to reserve your tickets, **please contact NSLM Director of Development E. Reid O'Connor** at (540) 687 6542 x35 or roconnor@nationalsporting.org. 🐾

Official poster artwork Covering Ground by Linda Volrath

Linda Volrath (American, b. 1963), *Covering Ground*, 2022, oil on linen, 20 x 24 inches

Identity & Restraint

Art of the Dog Collar

Charles Hamilton (British, op. 1831–1867), *Zillah* (detail), 1837, 24 x 28 inches (frame size), The AKC Museum of the Dog, Gift of the estate of Cynthia S. Wood

Since before the dawn of history, we have forged a strong bond with dogs—from hunting companions to sporting breeds as well as faithful pets. The dog collar is a symbol of the evolving relationship between humans and canines. The variety of styles that has developed over time—among them intimidating spiked metal rings, utilitarian pieces, elaborately jeweled works of art, and leather finery—show how we tamed, bred, claimed, and came to love our dogs.

Identity & Restraint: Art of the Dog Collar is an innovative traveling exhibition developed in partnership between the National Sporting Library & Museum (NSLM) and The AKC Museum of the Dog in New York, NY. This unique show will present an array of dog collars from the NSLM's collection. Arguably the largest publicly held collection of its kind, 187 collars were generously donated in 2015 by Dr. and Mrs. Timothy J.

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October 7, 2022–March 26, 2023

THE AKC MUSEUM OF THE DOG

New York, NY

April 5, 2023–September 4, 2023

PEBBLE HILL PLANTATION

Thomasville, GA

November 3, 2023–May 3, 2024



Selection from NSLM Dog Collar Collection, donated by Dr. & Mrs. Timothy J. Greenan, 2015

Greenan. Fine art from The AKC Museum of the Dog and American Kennel Club Collections will help develop an understanding of the collar as both art and object and how its design changed in relation to different dog breeds and their uses. The exhibition is curated by NSLM's Deputy Director & George L. Ohrstrom, Jr. Curator Claudia Pfeiffer, and a comprehensive essay on the history of the dog collar by Dr. Greenan, former NSLM Board Member, will be featured in the accompanying catalogue.

Generously underwritten by Garth Greenan Gallery, Dr. & Mrs. Timothy J Greenan, and Mark Anstine

Achieving Balance

with sculptor Diana Reuter-Twining and
the Virginia National Ballet

The afternoon of May 28 was a dynamic one as we celebrated the outdoor installation of artist Diana Reuter-Twining's two bronze sculptures, *Maestro* and *Equipoise*, on the NSLM grounds with a wonderful performance from the Virginia National Ballet. Not only were the dancers especially talented, they were successful in portraying the sense of grace and balance imbued in these two sculptures; bringing them to life. With beautiful weather, food, drink, and wonderful company, this was the perfect way to commemorate these two additions to the NSLM's outdoor sculpture collection.

The ballet performance was sponsored by the Virginia Commission of the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Diana Reuter-Twining (American, b. 1951)
Equipoise, 2019
bronze on bronze base
76 x 52 x 16 inches
Gift of Diana Reuter-Twining, 2021



Gallery Talks are back!

Embrace your curiosity and join the NSLM virtually on Facebook Live every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12:00pm as we explore our collections and learn about a new subject from a member of the NSLM staff.



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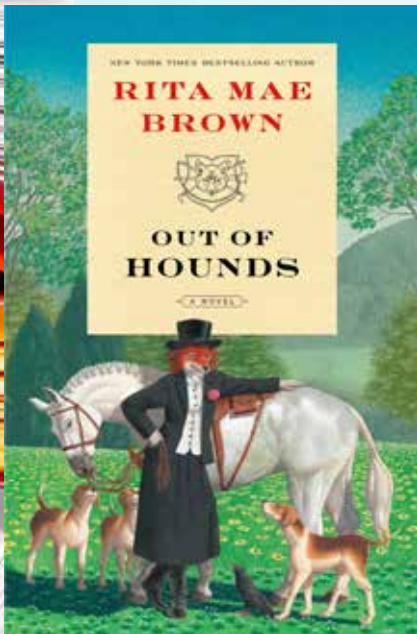
Sporting Bibliophiles Book Club

The *Sporting Bibliophiles Book Club* is the National Sporting Library & Museum's official book club! If you are a member of the NSLM, join us as we dive between the pages of our favorite books and engage in lively discussions with other sporting literature enthusiasts.

Books will be selected from a vast array of sporting fiction, many of which can be found within our Library collections. Peek through your local bookstore or public library to find this quarter's chosen book and come prepared with a cup of tea (or any cozy refreshment) to discuss your thoughts, ask questions, and enjoy the company of your fellow book club members. Meetings will take place quarterly through Zoom and are free to join.

The Fall meeting for the *Sporting Bibliophiles Book Club* will take place on October 27 at 6:00pm via Zoom. Just in time for Halloween, get ready to discuss the thrilling mystery novel, *Out of Hounds* by New York Times Best Selling Author, Rita Mae Brown. Grab your favorite Halloween candy, warm up a mug of cider, and join your fellow book club members for our next spooky book club meeting!

If you are a member of the NSLM and interested in participating, please sign up on the event's page on the NSLM website or email Clarice & Robert H. Smith Education Coordinator Emily Reeb at EReeb@NationalSporting.org.



Next Meeting
October 27, 6:00pm
Zoom Conference

***Out of Hounds* by Rita Mae Brown**

The NSLM's *Capital Campaign*

The National Sporting Library & Museum is delighted to announce the launch of a \$14 million Capital Campaign. Led by NSLM Board Chair Manuel H. Johnson, the Campaign Committee has successfully raised \$13.1 million in its silent phase with 100% participation from the Board of Directors. Our sincerest thanks are extended to all our donors who have helped us achieve such momentous success.

Launched in conjunction with the 10th Anniversary of the Museum, the Campaign focuses on the long-term sustainability of the NSLM, helping to ensure the organization's impact for future generations. The effort focuses on three main pillars: Endowment and Operational Support, Educational Programs and Scholarship, and Acquisitions and Exhibitions.

Since the founding of the Library in 1954 and the opening of the Museum in 2011, the organization has seen substantial growth. The NSLM is unique in the world, serving as a steward of the history of all traditional field sports. We are a national and international destination for exhibitions, programs, scholarship, and special collections. However, the NSLM receives no state or federal government funding and operates with a small endowment. This means that our work is entirely supported by the generosity of our members and friends, such as yourself, throughout the year. The Capital Campaign will help us to sustain the incredible growth and success we have seen, preserving sporting life and traditions and advocating for open space and waterways for decades to come.

We are so close to achieving our goal. **Please join us in ensuring the NSLM's legacy for the future and consider making a gift to the Capital Campaign!** Gifts can be made online at NationalSporting.org or with the enclosed return envelope.

THREE MAIN PILLARS OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Endowment and
Operational Support



Educational Programs
and Scholarship



Acquisitions and
Exhibitions



We are excited to announce that we have just received a \$100,000 match. All gifts up to this total amount will be matched 1:1, doubling your impact!

For questions regarding the NSLM's Capital Campaign, planned or major gifts, please contact NSLM Director of Development E. Reid O'Connor at (540) 687 6542 x35 or ROconnor@NationalSporting.org. Thank you!



Thank you to the following donors for their contributions to our Campaign launch.

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THE NSLM THANKS MRS. FRANCES MASSEY DULANEY



Mrs. Frances Massey Dulaney is an avid lover of the horse in all manner, with steeplechase being her particular passion. She is a voracious reader and collector of books, having served on the NSLM's Library Committee for many years before joining the Board in 2019. In the silent phase of NSLM's Capital Campaign, Mrs. Dulaney made a generous pledge of a \$3.5 million estate gift, a transformational gift helping to ensure the organization's sustainable future.

We had the opportunity to ask Mrs. Dulaney about her passion for the NSLM and her incredible gift to our Campaign.



How did you first become interested and involved in the National Sporting Library & Museum? I lived in Warrenton and we drifted in here [the NSLM] one day. I just went bananas because it was so beautifully decorated, and there were paintings and books everywhere that I recognized. I am a book collector, and there were all these Paul Brown books. I thought why not donate the ones I have which the NSLM didn't, and so my Paul Brown books are all here. I just fell in love and never knew a place like this would exist where you find all these wonderful people with similar interests. I have been coming here ever since and that was back in 1959. Well, I just adore it—from the Library to the Museum! I have helped fund book conservation as well as art acquisitions and educational programs, and many other things. I have artwork at home which is in my will to come here, and that is where it should be.

What would you highlight to someone who has never been to the Library and Museum? As you come in the Museum, there is a horse's head [*Still Water* by Nic Fiddian-Green], and he is standing on his nose. I absolutely adore it and helped to fund it. This is what I would send somebody to see before anything else. Then just wander and you can't go wrong! Of course, there are the rare books downstairs, which you can

see and learn about how they are conserving them.

What do you look forward to most on your visits to the NSLM? To see the staff and what new things they have accomplished. I am so fond of all of you and what you have done. I had known Elizabeth before she came here and to have her energy and leadership here is just heaven!

What led you to the decision to make such a generous and transformational estate-gift to the NSLM? Certainly my love for the Library & Museum, to help build up the endowment. I love the contents of this place, the whole attitude of everyone who works here, and my confidence has just never been higher. This is all due to the current leadership team which is talented and wonderful.

What do you hope for the future of the NSLM? I look forward to watching it grow while keeping its charm. It is a little piece of heaven. My hope is that the commitment to such a high level of exhibitions and collections continues, and more and more people realize what a gem the NSLM is and generously support the organization. 🐾

WELCOME TO THE BOARD,

MICHAEL R. CRANE AND ROBERT P. IRWIN

Michael Riggs Crane is currently on the Board of the HOW Foundation (Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment for Veterans) and serves on the Boards of TSRI – Software Modernization. He has previously served on The Ohrstrom Foundation, the Board of Alchemy International, and Discflo Corporation. Michael attended the University of Richmond where he received his B.A. in Applied Studies of Banking. He and his wife Karen live in Middleburg, Virginia.



What originally interested you in the NSLM? The NSLM has been of great interest to my family since its inception in 1954 when my grandfather, George L. Ohrstrom, Sr., with a group of other gentlemen, started the Library. My uncle, George L. Ohrstrom, Jr., continued the support and development of the Museum. It has always been a very important association to my family.

What are you most excited about in joining the board? It is wonderful for me to be able to join others in continuing the development and expansion of this wonderful Museum.

What is your favorite sporting memory? My favorite sporting memory, at least the most current one, is when my wife Karen and I went to Spain for Red-legged Partridge shooting. It was a wonderful experience—great host, lovely accommodations, and a first-time experience with a driven hunt...very professional and well organized. ▼



Robert Pettit Irwin is a Managing Director at Credit Suisse and a member of the firm's Investment Banking Finance Committee. He has been an investment banker for 34 years, having previously worked at JP Morgan, Bear, Stearns & Company, and Alex. Brown & Sons. Rob has an A.B. in Economics from Dartmouth College and an M.B.A. from the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth where he was a Tuck Scholar. Rob and his wife Jenny have four grown children and, for the past 20 years, have split their time between Washington, DC and Swift Shoals Farm on the Shenandoah River in Clarke County. Rob is an active outdoorsman who enjoys fly fishing, shooting, foxhunting, downhill skiing, and golf.

What originally interested you in the NSLM? I originally developed an interest in sporting art while working in finance in Manhattan. My office was near Christie's, and they used to have a sporting art auction. I'd meet with their expert and learn about the genre. I found the breadth, talent, and history fascinating. The art draws a lot of different thoughts and emotions, but for me, it took me from Wall Street to the field, right there in midtown Manhattan. The same can be said for sporting books. The NSLM's collection is extraordinary.

What are you most excited about in joining the board? The organization is so vibrant and active, there's a long list. I also believe some of the greatest stewards of the beautiful land we all share are those who enjoy sporting activities.

What is your favorite sporting memory? My best sporting memories are shared with people: catching tarpon and sailfish on the fly in Costa Rica with my dad, riding with the Blue Ridge Hunt with my wife and daughters, stalking trout with my sons in Idaho, and wing shooting with good friends in Virginia. ▼

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Recent news and updates from the Library & Museum



NATURE'S BEST HOPE WITH DR. DOUGLAS TALLAMY

It was an honor to welcome Dr. Tallamy to the NSLM on July 27 and hear him speak about his book, *Nature's Best Hope*. Dr. Tallamy provided insightful ways in which we can approach gardening in our own backyards with the goal of enhancing local ecosystems. At the NSLM, we have been moved to improve our own gardens and are excited to participate in the effort towards a healthier and more sustainable future. We hope those that joined us will participate in Homegrown National Park, a grassroots movement aimed at creating 20 million acres of native plantings in the U.S., starting with your backyard.

We would like to extend our gratitude to *Country Zest and Style Magazine* for their generous support and sponsorship, without which this program would not have been possible.

WELCOME COLLEEN YARGER, PH.D.!

We are happy to welcome Colleen Yarger, Ph.D., who has recently stepped into the position of NSLM's George L. Ohrstrom Jr. Curator of Library Collections. With a passion for our mission and an expansive knowledge of sporting literature and art, Dr. Yarger is perfectly suited to care for and make accessible NSLM Library special collections. She was previously the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Assistant Curator for European Art and the Mellon Collections as well as Interim Head of the European Art Department and the Mellon Collections.



STORIED FRIENDS

Storied Friends remains open in the Library's Forrest E. Mars Sr. Exhibit Hall for all to enjoy until the end of the year. We are glad to see so many experiencing the exhibition so far and revisiting the childhood classics of author Marguerite Henry and illustrator Wesley Dennis.

Did you know... the real "Misty" was born on Chincoteague Island in 1946? She lived with author Marguerite Henry for 10 years, travelling often on publicity tours. When the movie *Misty*, based on the book, premiered in 1961, the famed pony attended and left her hoofprints in the cement sidewalk outside the movie theater in Chincoteague!





LOOKING AHEAD

Espresso
with
the Curator

Saturday, October 8 | 10:00am

Explore the exhibition, *Identity & Restraint: The Art of the Dog Collar* (featured on page seven), in-person and virtually, with Deputy Director & George L. Ohrstrom, Jr. Curator Claudia Pfeiffer.

Sporting Bibliophiles Book Club

Thursday, October 27 | 6:00pm

The Sporting Bibliophiles Book Club (featured on page nine) is the National Sporting Library & Museum's official book club! Join us as we dive between the pages of our favorite fiction books and engage in lively discussions with other sporting enthusiasts.



Sunday, October 2 | 2:00pm

Join the NSLM for an Interfaith Blessing of the Animals in honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi.

Ministers, priests, and rabbis of several denominations from local congregations will be on hand to perform blessings on animals of all shapes and sizes. All are welcome!

A live stream will be available for those who cannot come in person.

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Henri DeLattre depicted the famous 1849 trotting race between two giants of the horse racing world: Mac (right) and Zachary Taylor (left). The owner of Zachary Taylor, William King, issued a challenge to Mac's owner, John McArdle, to a match race: 1-mile heats, best three out of five, with a \$500 purse. Over 50,000 spectators watched as Mac won three rounds and bragging rights. This painting commemorated the occasion and was reproduced in 1851 as an engraving by the renowned publishing firm, Currier & Ives.

Born in France, DeLattre visited the US in 1836 for the first time and became interested in producing equine portraits. As a self-taught artist, however, he had trouble accurately depicting horses. He dramatically improved his technique upon receiving tutelage from Edward Troye (American, 1808–1874) and became well known in sporting art circles. DeLattre was particularly adept at capturing a horse's trot, as seen in this painting which may be considered his masterwork. 🐾



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